September 2008 301-773-8360

#### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

by Mayor Julia Mosley

Call 301-773-7891 to contact the Mayor. The Mayor's door at the Community Center is open to visitors on **Monday evenings** from 7:30 to 9:30 PM, except holidays or if otherwise posted.

### HONOR OUR VETERANS SEPTEMBER 11th, 2008 RECEPTION STARTS 7PM TOWN MEETING 8PM



Please join the Mayor and Council at a reception honoring the young men and women from Cheverly serving their country here and abroad. The reception will be held at 7PM just prior to the 8PM Town Meeting where Council will honor them with a proclamation. Please come by to meet their families and show your support!

### LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Monday, Sept. 1, 2008

Offices Closed No Trash Pickup



### PEPCO AT SEPTEMBER TOWN MEETING

Representatives of Pepco will address Town issues, including outages at the September 11, Town Meeting at 8:00 PM.

### CHEVERLY PUBLIC SAFETY DAY



Monday Sept. 22, 2008 Town Park Pavilion 5:30—8:00 PM

Food & Entertainment Bring the kids (See flyer inside)



### The FALL FLEA MARKET

Sponsored by the Recreation Council, will be held on Saturday,

October 25<sup>h</sup> from 9:00AM to 2:00PM at the Community Center. <u>Tables are \$15 and reservations start on Monday, September 1st.</u>

Call Barbara at 301-773-5883. The Flea Market is very popular and tables go fast, so make reservations early.

There will be plenty of bargains, good food and fresh baked goods for sale. See you Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, rain or shine, event is indoors!

# PEPCO REPRESENTATIVES AT SEPTEMBER TOWN MEETING

Representatives from Pepco will be at the Cheverly September Town meeting to give the Town an update on their efforts to reduce the number and length of power outages occurring in Cheverly. Residents may have noticed crews trimming trees in Town this summer and this work will continue into September. While the number of outages in Town had declined in the past 1-2 years, Council and many residents have remained concerned that there still are too frequent interruptions in service throughout Town, particularly in Ward 2 and parts of Ward 1. This includes all or parts of Crest Avenue, Euclid, Dewey, Carlyle, Valley Way, Lake, Greenleaf and 59<sup>th</sup> Place and 59<sup>th</sup> Street.

I urge any interested residents to attend the SEP-TEMBER TOWN MEETING, particularly those residents who continue to experience the outages. The meeting starts at 8 PM immediately after the 7 PM reception honoring our veterans.

### RECEPTION HONORING CHEVERLY RESIDENTS AND LOVED ONES SERVING THEIR COUNTRY IN THE MILITARY

Please attend a reception honoring the young men and women from Cheverly serving their Country in the US Armed Forces both here and abroad. The reception will be from 7-8 PM just prior to the September 11<sup>th</sup> Town Meeting. The reception will give residents an opportunity to honor these soldiers, say "thank you" for their sacrifices and meet their families. These young people would love to hear from Cheverly residents, particularly our young residents, through letters and emails. We will also have information on how to send care packages both here and overseas, what can and cannot be shipped and a list of items our soldiers love to receive. Mark your calendars and show your support!

### PROGRESS ON IDENTIFYING THE EXPLOSIONS OR "BOOMS" PLAGUING CHEVERLY

We are making headway on identifying the source of the "booms" that have plagued the Town for many years. Ward 2 Councilmember Micah Watson and I, Senator David Harrington, Delegate Victor Ramirez, Attorney General Doug Gansler and several County and State agencies have been working for four months to put into action a plan to find the cause. The County recommends using a high-speed camera to capture the source of a "boom", and the Fire Department graciously agreed to the installation of that kind of camera on the roof of the Cheverly-Tuxedo Fire Station, located on Tuxedo Road just outside of Town. The Town and the County will jointly purchase the camera, and the County will install the camera in September. The camera will be wired into the County's existing computer network, so the data it collects will be stored and monitored off-site. Some residents have continued to report explosions or booms to the Town and this information is still being collected and has now been turned over to the County. This information was invaluable for the preliminary tracking work the County has already done.

With the installation of the cameras and the County's monitoring of the activity, it is important that all residents report these occurrences in order to have complete and accurate information. Beginning October 1, please report any "booms" you hear or feel to Town Hall immediately at 301-773-8360. You can call at any time of the day or night and leave your name, address and time of the "boom" on the answering machine after normal business hours or speak to a staff member from

**9-5.** Town staff will forward resident reports to the County, and the County will review camera data to "match up" the report with a relevant image. Identifying the source of the "booms" is only the first step. We've been at this for many years, and the resolution of this problem is probably still a few years away. But with your help, and assistance from our State and County leaders, we'll identify the source and take whatever corrective legal and administrative action is needed to stop this once and for all.

There will be more information in the October Newsletter and an important presentation by representatives from Prince George's County agencies at *next month's October Town meeting*.

### Message from the Chief

Buddy Robshaw (policechief@cheverly-md.gov)

### **Cheverly Public Safety Day**

The Cheverly Police Department will be sponsoring its first Public Safety Day on

Monday, September 22, 2008, from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM. Outback Steakhouse will continue to be the major corporate sponsor, but other sponsors are participating as well. In addition, officers from various local police and fire departments will be on hand with a number of displays and exhibits, including a police helicopter and horses. The theme of this year's PSD is "Solving Small Problems." Be sure to fill out the bottom of the flyer attached to this newsletter with your small neighborhood problem so that, working together, we can improve all of Cheverly.

### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED FOR THE

"Cheverly Watch" Program – The "Cheverly Watch" program puts portable Town police radios in the hands of local residents to enhance police response to emergencies, increase problem identification and intervention, and ultimately reduce crime. By allowing these residents to talk directly to patrol officers over the Town radio system, this program allows the police greater coverage, increases the likelihood of arresting offenders on-scene, and takes advantage of the community's intrinsic knowledge about crime and offenders. In order to make this program work, however, we need residents to volunteer. Participants will be strictly volunteers, must pass a routine background check, and must be willing to participate on a regular basis. Information on participants shall remain strictly confidential. Anyone interested should immediately contact Chief Robshaw at (301) 341-1055.

Final Task Force Statistics (05/28/08 – 07/23/08) – The following statistics reflect Task Force operations between the above dates. If you recall, the Task Force was formulated because the Department noted a growing number of complaints of drug related violations in the apartments and to address concerns of trespassing, truancy, and curfew violations by outside visitors throughout the Town. Task Force operations accounted for a dramatic reduction in reported violent crime this year.

Adult Arrests – 48
Warrant Arrests – 8
State Citations – 222
Equipment Repair Orders – 46
DWI Arrests – 4
Field Observation Reports – 158

Juvenile Arrests – 6
Juvenile Reports – 20
Warnings – 125
Parking Tickets - 10
Vehicle Impounds - 36

### Crime Report for July 2008 (All Addresses Are in Hundred Blocks)

Total Arrests for the Month: 56 Total Traffic for the Month: 582

Total Crime (Difference, YTD 2007-2008): -2%

07-01-08	1230 hrs	6300 Landover Rd	Stolen (97 Plymth)
07-02-08	0927 hrs	6300 Landover Rd	Vandalism
07-03-08	0825 hrs	6300 Landover Rd	Vandalism
07-03-08	2210 hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Assault (Arrest)
07-07-08	1515 hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Assault
07-10-08	1930 hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Robbery - Citizen
07-11-08	1200 hrs	2400 Lake Ave	Identity Theft
07-11-08	1440 hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Stolen/Recovered Tag
07-11-08	2230 hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Theft
07-12-08	0645 hrs	6300 Landover Rd	Vandalism
07-14-08	1430 hrs	4800 View Point Pl	Vandalism
07-14-08	1958 hrs	6300 Landover Rd	B&E (Arrest)
07-16-08	2100 hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Vandalism
07-20-08	2226 hrs	5700 Lockwood Rd	Theft
07-20-08	2350 hrs	6000 Arbor Street	Shoplifter
07-22-08	0730 hrs	5700 Euclid Street	B&E
07-22-08	1600 hrs	2400 Schuster Dr	Theft
07-24-08	1944 hrs	5800 Annapolis Rd	Auto Theft (Arrest)
07-26-08	0750 hrs	3000 Laurel Ave	Vandalism
07-28-08	2125 hrs	6200 Forest Road	B&E
07-29-08	2015 hrs	2800 Cheverly Ave	Assault (Arrest)
07-30-08	1525 hrs	6500 Landover Rd	B&E (Arrest)
07-30-08	1920 hrs	2300 Belleview Ave	Theft (Arrest)
07-31-08	1530 hrs	6300 Landover Rd	Theft

**Vehicle Donations** – You can donate your used vehicle to the Town of Cheverly and receive the same tax ramifications as any other charity. Recent vehicle donations enabled the police department to purchase new duty weapons, Tasers, radar units, and to help subsidize the "Club" vehicle anti-theft device program. We currently have two vehicles for sale and are always looking for others. Donations help supplement the equipment inventory that keeps this Department on the cutting edge.

### Cheverly RECREATION COUNCIL

The first meeting for the year will be Tuesday, **September 23rd at 7:00PM** in the conference room at the Community Center. It's an open meeting, everyone is welcome and bring some new ideas. Topics of discussion will be the Fall Flea Market and the summer playground.

### **ACTIONS TAKEN**

Votes were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Town Meeting - August 14, 2006

□ Not Available

Worksession— August 28, 2006

☐ Not Available

#### TENTATIVE AGENDAS

Town Meeting - September 11, 2006

- □ Dedication of Lobby Case
- □ Committee Reports -

Recreation council

- Cheverly Day Report
- ☐ Pepco Upgrade Update
- □ MNCPPC Presentation—Landover Master Plan Process
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   Process
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Meeting Agendas are updated on website: www.cheverly-md.gov, on Cheverly Comcast channel 71 and Fios 35.

Town Meeting broadcast LIVE on Comcast 71 and Fios 35. Re-broadcast everyday at Noon, 6:00 PM & 10:00 PM

## TREES ARE PROFITABLE TO YOUR HOME & COMMUNITY - The Public Works

Department is once again preparing a list with names and addresses and you can be on it. This list will have the names and addresses of individuals who have called Public Works requesting a tree to be planted on their property at no cost to them, except for the requested weekly five gallon bucket of water. Planting a tree is profitable. A tree can:

- Increase the value of the your home 15% or more
- Remove CO2 from the air
- Help fight global warming
- Produce oxygen
- Give song birds a home
- Reduce A/C needs
- Improve overall water quality
- Exposure to trees reduces stress



"No town can fail of beauty, though its walls were gutters and its house hovels. If venerable trees make magnificent colonnades along its street." Henry Ward Beecher, Proverbs. 1877

Please complete the form below, and send it along with a completed Tree Agreement which can be found on the Cheverly website to the Public Works Department. Once both these forms are received, your name will be placed on the list to receive a tree. We will contact you with tree selection and a planting time frame.

### PRIVATE PROPERTY PLANTING PROGRAM

inclusion in the Town of Cheverly's "private proper planning program".		
Homeowners - Print Name		
Address		
Daytime Phone numbers		

# Community Bulletin Board

### Cheverly GARDEN CLUB -

### Coming Events ...

Sept. 11—Lisa Deplace Green Walls Aboretum

Sept. 15—Field Trip to Chrysanthemum Garden - meet at CUMC 6:00 PM.

Any questions call A. Gardenhour 301-773-1991.

### BSA TROOP 257 - EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT, CLOTHING DRIVE - A

clothing drive will be held on Saturday September 6th & 13th from 8AM to 12PM, in front of Cheverly Community Center to serve as an Eagle Scout project for Jason Gaines. The clothing items being collected include: coats, shirts, blouses, pants, and newly purchased undergarments. Donations accepted.

**Mothers Day Out** program at Cheverly United Methodist church has openings for the 08-09 school year for children 2–4 years. Classes are 10am - 2pm. Open house is Tues. Sept. 9 (10:00 am—noon) and Thurs. Sept. 11 (10:00 am—noon). For information call Mrs. Tamai 301-773-1995 or Mrs. Harder 301-341-1988

### FLBC Plans Cleanup & Planning Meeting

Volunteers are needed for cleanup & invasive plant removal at Cheverly Euclid Park, Sat. Sept. 27 at 9:AM For information call Matt Salo 301-341-1261 or email mtsalo1@gmail.com or Joani Horchler 301-773-9671 or horcpool97@aol.com. FLBC also welcomes community participation in its monthly planning meeting on Wed. Sept. 10 at 7:30 PM.

### PROGRESSIVE CHEVERLY -

Sept. 4 - 7:15 PM - Slots: Are they good for Maryland? Oct. 2 - 7-8 PM - Forum Topic—Environmental Justice 8-9 PM - Business Meeting - Officer Elections Judith Hoyer Early Education Center. For information visit www.progressivecheverly.com

# CHEVERLY

### RESIDENTIAL BUSINESS LICENSES

If you are currently operating a business out of your home, you are required to obtain a **Town Residential Business License.** 

Home occupations are under (Chapter 9 - of the Town Code) and (subtitle 27 - of the Prince George's County Code) and do not include any retail business or trade, etc.

Town Residential Business Licenses are issued annually for the Fiscal Year (July 1 to June 30). Please call the Town Clerk at 301-773-8360 or stop by the Town Office to pick up an application form. *The yearly license fee is* \$20.

# **Need help with YARD WORK?** To assist our elderly, and other residents who need help with yard work, Cheverly maintains this list of teenagers who are

interested in being hired for mowing lawns, raking leaves, shoveling snow, etc.

248-478-4622	Xavier Pinkney
301-322-1075	Dorian Dixon
301-386-0049	Andrew Teel
301-322-4952	Max Allegro
301-322-4952	Jake Allegro
301-772-6596	Ben Hartmann
301-341-2471	James Porcari
301-537-6819	John Pooley
301-583-1028	Byron Bamigbade
301-583-1028	Xavier Milam

Cheverly teenagers can call the town office at 773-8360 if they wish to add their names to this list.



### Meetings & Events

Mon	Sep 1	LABOR	DAY - Offices closed-No Trash Pickup
Thu	Sep 4	7:30PM	WORKSESSION (optional)
Mon	Sep 8	7:00PM	Planning Board
Thu	Sep 11	8:00PM	TOWN MEETING
Thu	Sep 11	7:00PM	Building Usage Meeting
Tue	Sep 23	7:00PM	Rec Council Meeting
Thu	Sep 25	8:00PM	WORKSESSION

Recreation Council sponsored MNCPPC classes held at the Community Center Gym:

- Karate on Monday evening
- Ball Room Dancing Sunday evenings 6:30-8:30 pm

Call 301-445-4500 for info (or) www.pgparks.com.

### CHEVERLY COVERLETS —\$30.00

100% cotton, 2½ layers, measures approx. 48"x68". The design captures the history and spirit of Cheverly with the depiction of various sites throughout town.

### TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

MON Town Wide YARD WASTE

MON East side Regular Garbage Pickup only
TUE West side Regular Garbage Pickup only
WED Town Wide RECYCLING (blue or yellow bins)
THU East side Garbage & SPECIAL TRASH (at curb)
FRI West side Garbage & SPECIAL TRASH (at curb)
Remember BAMBOO is picked up on Thu or Fri w/special

trash (cut into 4' lengths, tied & bundled)



Residents should not leave trash at the curb except after 7:00PM the day before your pickup.

HOLIDAYS? Public Works crews DO NOT work on holidays.

Collections on holidays are **CANCELLED**.



# CHEVERLY FLAGS — \$50.00 at Town Hall.

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**HYATTSVILLE MD** 

### Cheverly Newsletter September 2008



The Town of Cheverly does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, or disability or sexual orientation. If you are a person with a disability (vision, hearing, or speech impairment) and wish to participate in Town activities or programs, please contact the Town Office at 773-8360 (voice), or the Maryland Relay System at 1-800-735-2258.

 Mayor: Julia Mosley
 301-773-7891

 Ward 1: Mike Callahan
 301-772-3197

 Ward 2: Micah Watson
 240-603-9366

 Ward 3: RJ Eldridge
 301-773-7828

 Ward 4: Leon Schachter
 301-772-6244

 Ward 5: Vernell Johnson
 240-398-9251

 Ward 6: Vincent L. Ford
 301-341-0810

#### Email contact links at the website

Town Offices: (Mon-Fri, 9AM-5PM)

Administration 301-773-8360
Police Admin & Code Enforcement 301-341-1055
Public Works (M-F: 7:30-4) 301-773-2666
(TDD) 711
FAX 301-773-0173
If you need a Police Officer call: 301-333-4000

WEB SITE: www.cheverly-md.gov

Email "Contact The Town" button at the Website

PERMIT NO. 1563

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# CHEVERLY PUBLIC SAFETY DAY

The Cheverly Police Department proudly announces its first Public Safety Day to be celebrated on Monday, September 22, 2008, from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM. This event will take place at the Town Park Pavilion, which is located at the lower level of 6401 Forest Road. The Cheverly Police Department and its public safety and fire fighting local partners will be on hand to display a wide array of tools, equipment, and vehicles, to include the County Police helicopter "Air One", horses from Maryland Park Police, and fire trucks from local departments. Display areas will also be devoted to home safety and security, traffic and pedestrian safety, the Department's "Cheverly Watch" Program, our resident mobile radio system, and other areas of interest. As usual, food and entertainment are provided free of charge.

Be sure to bring the kids.

Sponsors include: Outback Steak House, 3 Brothers, Pepsi, CVS, Giant, Canada Dry, C-PACT, and others.

The theme of this event is "SOLVING SMALL PROBLEMS." This theme was chosen because problem solving is most effective when it deals with small, foundational issues that collectively impact the entire neighborhood. In conjunction with this theme, every resident is encouraged to fill out and tear off the below Problem Identification Slip and throw it into the large container that will be provided at the PSD event.

Cut Here	
Type of Problem (i.e., abandoned auto, speeding,	trespassers, etc.):
Location:	
Want to be contacted? Name	Telephone #